

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are now pending in the application. Applicant has canceled claims 1-9 and added claims 10 -11. The new claims contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. Additionally, in response to the office action, Applicant has amended the title to contain more appropriate words to gain a greater understanding of the essence of the present invention. Moreover, Applicant has amended the abstract to comply with proper form requirements regarding proper language and format to overcome the Examiner's objection. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have canceled Claim 5. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 AND §103

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Rao (U.S. Pat. No. 6,789,118). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Additionally, Claims 2-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rao in view of

Hurren (U.S. Pat. No. 6,765,591) in view of Boudreau (U.S. Pat. No. 6,788,692) in view of Giniger (U.S. Pat. No. 6,751,729). Thus, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant has canceled claims 1 thru 9 to overcome the Examiner's rejections based on 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) and 103(a). Instead, Applicant has added new claims 10 and 11. No new matter has been entered in making any of these amendments. More specifically, for the amendments in claim 10, please see [0120] ~ [0139], Fig. 6 and Fig. 8. As for claim 11, please see the original claims 4 and 8.

In making the amendments, the co-location scheme has been emphasized in new claims 10 and 11. Thus, Applicant believes that claims 10 and 11 are in a proper form for allowance based on all the recited elements and reasons stated above. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 10 and 11 define over subject matter in Rao, Hurren, Boudreau and Giniger.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application is requested. Claims 10 and 11 are believed to be in allowable form over the prior art references. Additionally, an early notice of allowance is requested so that the application may proceed to issue.

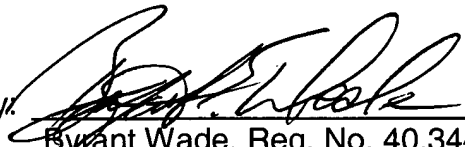
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the

Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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